

REMARKS

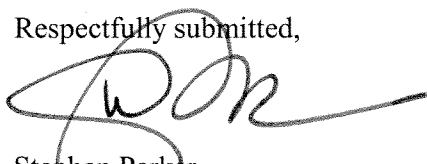
In the Office action, claims 16, 18-20, and 57-61 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this response, claims 1 and 48 are currently amended, including all of the features of claims 16 and 57, respectively. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is now requested.

In this response, the allowable claims have all been placed into independent form. Accordingly, early allowance is respectfully requested.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application. The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, Order No. 3105-101.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Parker', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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